

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q95279

Naoka KIDA, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1651

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Examiner: Unknown

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For: METHOD FOR THREE-DIMENSIONAL CARTILAGE TISSUE ENGINEERING USING BONE MARROW CELLS IN TISSUE ENGINEERING BONE MARROW CELLS IN SIMULATED MICROGRAVITY ENVIRONMENT

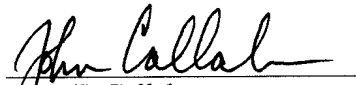
**SUBMISSION OF IPER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

For the Examiner's convenience, enclosed herewith is a copy of the English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority. It is noted that the six references identified in the IPER were previously submitted to the U.S. PTO with an Information Disclosure Statement on June 7, 2006, and therefore not enclosed herewith.

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